

Be part of the major revision of the Encoded Archival Description (EAD)

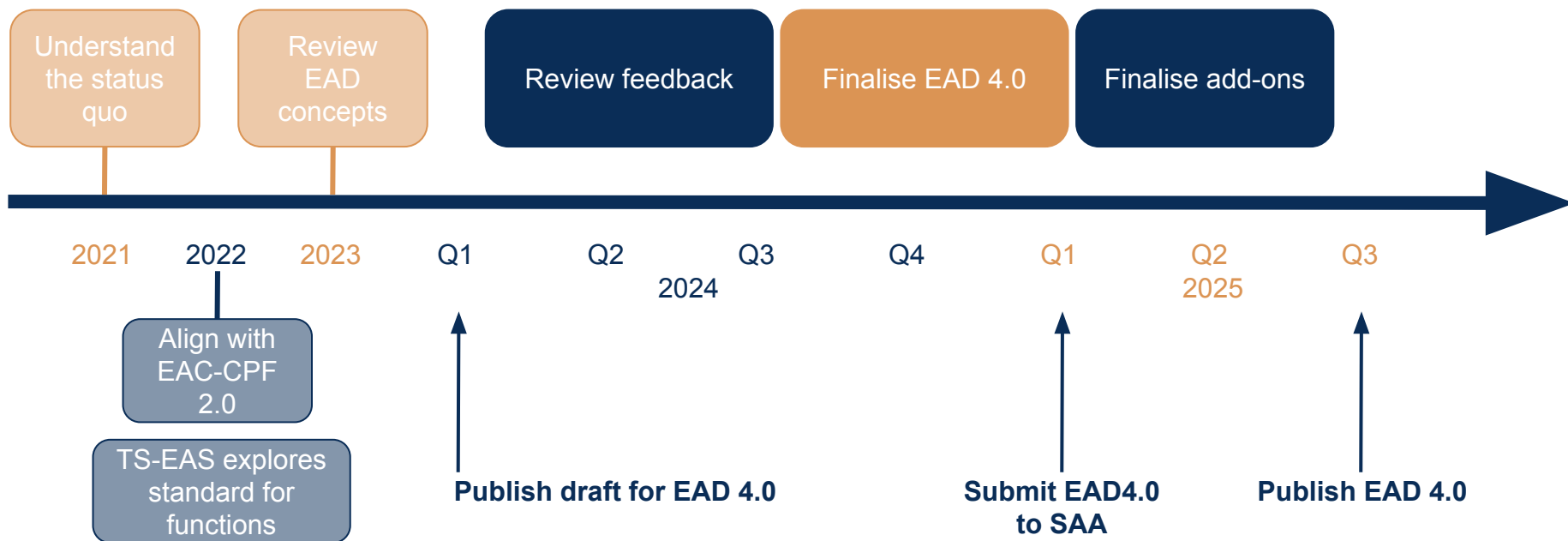
Engage with TS-EAS on the draft for EAD 4.0 between December 2023 and February 2024

- Started in 2021, 1st draft being up for publication soon
- Follows the major revision cycles defined by the Standards Committee of the Society of American Archivists (SAA)
- Conducted by the Technical Subcommittee on Encoded Archival Standards (TS-EAS)

Background

Major revision of EAD

Overall timeline



- Two versions used in parallel throughout the community (EAD 2002 and EAD3)
- Mainly used as an exchange format, which makes aggregators and software developers a key actor
- But also used in hand-coding scenarios

Challenges of the status quo

How EAD is used at the moment

- Alignment with EAC-CPF 2.0
- TS-EAS exploration of a standard to describe functions
- Current topics of archival work (digitisation/born-digital, support for Linked Data vocabularies)
- Relations to other standards, especially Records in Contexts (RiC-CM and RiC-O)
- Conceptual considerations based on the above

Main strands of the revision

What has driven our conversations

- ...the new version's benefits fit community requirements
- ...the benefits outweigh the overall challenge of an upgrade
- ...we know how we can best advise you about preparing an upgrade

Here's where you come in

We need your input to ensure...

With the focus of EAD being used as an exchange format:

- Aggregators, i.e.
 - Organisations that gather data from a variety of sources using EAD as part of their processes
- Software developers and software providers, e.g.
 - Persons and organisation providing tools and scripts based on or aiming at EAD

Who are we looking for?

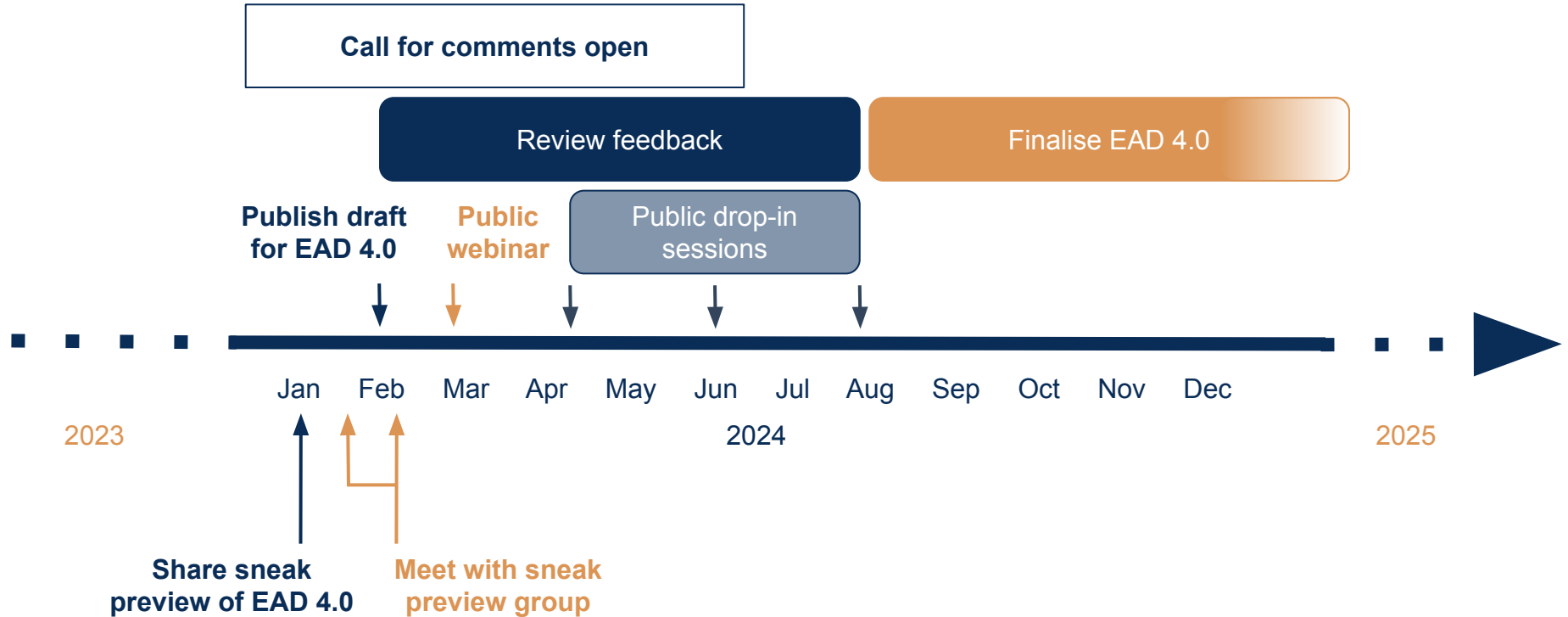
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- ...get access to a sneak preview of the draft of the new version of EAD
- ...have the opportunity to:
 - Provide early feedback
 - Participate in one or two online meetings with a smaller group
 - Contribute to a public webinar about the new version of EAD in March 2024

What do we plan to do with your help?

You will...

And when is it going to happen?



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How can I be part of this?

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